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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,	)	
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND	)	
STORAGE MEDIUM	)	

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 32, consisting of Figs. 32A to 32B, is a diagram illustrating the right and left diagonal energy calculated in steps 182 and S183 in Fig. 30;